(d) if so, to what extent it would affect the passenger traffic of Indian Airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE. MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PAUL): (afThe Soviet aircraft YAK-42 offered on lease/purchase by M/s. Aviaexpert of the USSR is under consideration of Vayudoot.

(b) Although all aircraft have peculiarities of their own and one to one comparison could perhaps be misleading, YAK-42 aircraft being considered by Vayudoot is powered by three high bypass engines and can serve a sector length of 1900 kms. with normal pay load.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The capacity offered by this aircraft can supplement the capacity deployed by Indian Airlines and also cate/ to the turnaway traffic on their netwfcrk.

New Trains from Maharashtra

93. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the new trains proposed to be started to and from Maharashtra in 1989?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): The information will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

New airports to be connected by Vayudoot

94. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what arc the names of new Airports to be brought on Vayudoot map in 1989;

(b) whether a flights to Akola, Sholapur and Ratnagiri in Maharashtra were inaugurated in the recent past;

(c) if so, what is the present status of these flights; and

(d) by when the Kolhapur is likely to come on Vayudoot map?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) Vayudoot had drawn a list of stations to be airlinked during the current plan period out of which 33 stations as given in the statement *(See* below) are yet to be airlinked. The airlinks to the new stations will, however, be subject to the availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure and economic viability 6f operations.

(b) While Vayudoot had already been operating scheduled services to Ratnagiri and Sholapur, the inaugural flight to Akola was operated on 1st October, 1988.

(c) Due to the shortage of aircraft capaci ty with Vayudoot, the services to Ifcatnagiri and Sholapur could not be restored after the monsoons and the regular ser vices to Akola have not yet been insti tuted.

(d) Subject to availability of aircraft capacity, development of infrastructure facilities and economic viability of opera tions, Vayudoot has tentative plans to airlink Kolhapur during the current plan period.

Statement

List of stations proposed to be Airlinked by Vayudoot during the current five year plan period

Triunelvelli . , . .Tamil Nadu
Bhilai
Chandrapur . . . .Maharashtra
Diu .....
Faizabad . . .
Ganganagar . . . .Rajasthan